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A WPA Project City Hall Yields Historical Copy

While cleaning in City Hall recently as part of the restoration effort, John V. Babernak, a member of the Committee to Restore City Hall, discovered a carbon copy of a book entitled, "A Geographical History of the Cities, Boroughs and Townships and Their Subdivisions in Lackawanna County."

The book, which is not now generally available in libraries, was sponsored by the County Commissioners and written in August, 1839, as a project under the Works Progress Administration. The project was headed by John K. Blackledge.

Contained in this history is the geography of the cities, boroughs and townships within Lackawanna County, as well as all subsequent ward and district subdivisions and their original and current polling places. There is a separate section for each of the 12 wards, with all items indexed and arranged topographically.

In order that the book might be made accessible to the greatest number of readers possible, Sheffield Publications of Carbondale has produced, free of charge, three facsimiles of this carbon copy for the Committee.

On Friday the three facsimiles were presented, with the compliments of the Committee to Restore City Hall, to the Carbondale Historical Society/Carbondale Public Library, the Lackawanna Historical Society, and to the Scranton Public Library.